



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

**Kazuo OKADA**

Application No.: 10/697,082

Filed: October 31, 2003

For: GAMING MACHINE

Attorney Docket No.: SHO-0039

Examiner: P. A. D'Agostino

Art Unit: 3714

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits after filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination under Rule 114 and in response to the final Office Action dated October 16, 2008, the period for response being extended to April 16, 2009, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 13-16 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 4-12 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 13-16 are added.

**II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

**III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

(There are no amendments to the specification)